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File Code: 1950

Date: December 12, 2014

Honorable Silas Whitman
Chairman
Nez perce Tribal Executive Committee
P.O. Box 305
Lapwai, ID 83540

Honorable Chairman Whitman,

I am enclosing the Collette Mine Stream Restoration Project Environmental Assessment (EA) for your review and comment. The proposed project is located on the Lochsa District of the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests and is a partnership effort with the Watershed Division of the Nez Perce Tribe Department of Fisheries Resource Management. The project proposes stream and floodplain restoration activities along Lolo Creek in the former Collette Mine area. The project is located about 11 miles southeast of Weippe along the mainstem of Lolo Creek near Utah Creek at the old Colette Mine site. The project area encompasses about 30 acres of riparian/floodplain and 0.6 miles of Lolo Creek. Lolo Creek flows through the former Collette Mine site and has been impacted by past dredge mining activity. The EA is also available online at http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=39057.

I would very much appreciate your comments on this project. To incorporate your feedback into the final EA and Decision Notice, it would be most helpful if you could review and respond to this environmental assessment within 30 days of the legal notice appearing in the Lewiston Tribune. Please address written comments to Taylor Greenup c/o Seth Cole, Acting Lochsa District Ranger, 502 Lowry St., Kooksia, ID 83539. You may also fax your comments to the Lochsa District Office at (208) 476-8329 or electronically to comments-northern-clearwater-lochsa@fs.fed.us. The subject line must contain the name of the project for which you are submitting projects (i.e. Collette Mine Stream Restoration Project). Acceptable formats are MS Word, Word Perfect, or RTF. When commenting, please include the following: (1) your name, address and (if possible) your telephone number and organization represented (if any); (2) title of the document on which you are submitting comments (Collette Mine Stream Restoration Project); (3) specific facts and related rationale concerning this project that you feel should be considered. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names, addresses, email addresses and phone numbers of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record and will be available for public inspection.



Should you have questions or need further information, please contact me at (208) 926-6400.
Thank you for your interest in this project. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Seth Cole

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Acting Lochsa District Ranger

Enclosures

cc: Christine Bradbury, Mike Lopez, Aaron Miles, Sr., Dave Johnson